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Germano CARONNI et al.		) Group Art Unit: 2131		
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For:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING SCALABLE	RECEIVED		
	SECURITY IN A VIRTUAL	) JAN 0 9 2004		
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Sir:

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) supplements the IDSs filed on June 14, 2000, January 2, 2002, April 9, 2002, August 22, 2002, December 23, 2002, July 8, 2003, and November 20, 2003, and to the undersigned's knowledge, is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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